

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2007, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.